

REMARKS

The Communication states that the application is not compliant with the sequence rules because claim 79 does not recite the sequence identification number of the sequence set forth in the Sequence Listing. As amended, claim 79 recites the sequence identification number that corresponds to the Sequence Listing for the amino acid sequence recited in the claim.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."**

The Communication includes a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. In compliance with this notice, Applicants hereby provide a paper copy and computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. The undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper copy and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing are the same. Applicants note that this Sequence Listing was previously submitted as pages 153 to 177 of the specification as filed. A computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing was filed on December 13, 1996.

This paper is submitted to comply with the United States Patent Office rules governing gene sequences. No new matter is added.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this sequence listing and the U.S. Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this sequence listing to our Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 304142000321. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims

79. (Once Amended) A fusion polypeptide according to claim 32, wherein the linker polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence (GGGGS)₃ (SEQ ID NO:35).

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